A MOMENT AGO

IT'S A PITY ARTHUR WASN'T ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING HE LIKED.

FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, HE JUST WANTED A GOOD QUALITY SWORD--

NOTHING FANCY OR INNATELY POWERFUL.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M SURE HE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING IN OUR STORAGE.

TAP

AH, YOUR MAJESTY. I HOPE YOU'RE HAVING AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU MANAGED TO SECURE AN A-CLASS BEAST CORE FROM A SILVER COAT BEAR, BUT I'M MOST PLEASED WITH MY PURCHASE OF IT.

LET'S JUST HOPE THE BEAST WILL IS STILL INTACT.

I'M GLAD THIS HUMBLE EVENT WAS WORTH THE TROUBLE FOR YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.

THE ONLY THING HUMBLE HERE IS YOU! THIS EVENT IS---

BOOM

THUMP

THIS HEAVY, ALMOST PALPABLE BLOODLUST... IT'S NOT EVEN DIRECTED AT ME, YET...

THUD!

VINCENT!

YOUR MAJESTY!

THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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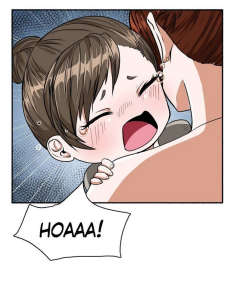
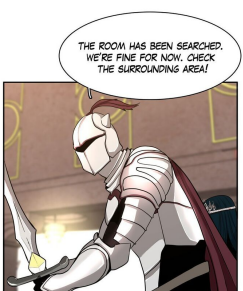
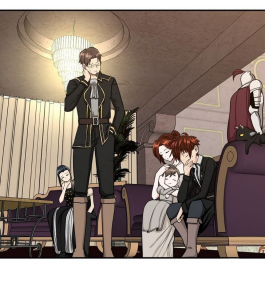
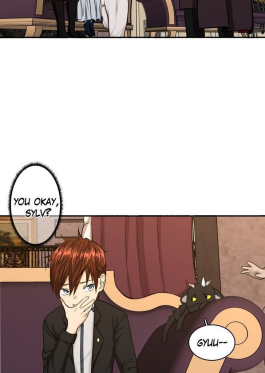



THE ROOM HAS BEEN SEARCHED. WE'RE FINE FOR NOW. CHECK THE SURROUNDING AREA!

UPSTAIRS!!

I'M SORRY, FATHER...





YOU OKAY, SYLV?
GYUH--

REPORTING, YOUR MAJESTY.
AN INTRUDER HAS BEEN APPREHENDED BY CAPTAIN LEYWIN, JUST NOW.

OH? IS THAT SO? THEN ALL IS WELL.

WAIT, WHAT? JUST LIKE THAT?

THANK YOU, INTRUDER. YOUR SACRIFICE WAS NOT IN VAIN.
DON'T MENTION IT...
SAFE!

OI, SEBASTIAN. HOW COULD A ROYAL GUARD FALL ON HIS ARSE OVER A LITTLE INTIMIDATION FROM AN INTRUDER?
YEAH! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE EARLY LIKE THIS.
I SLIPPED, THAT'S ALL!

TH-THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE, GUARDS!
NOW, LET THE SHOW GO ON!

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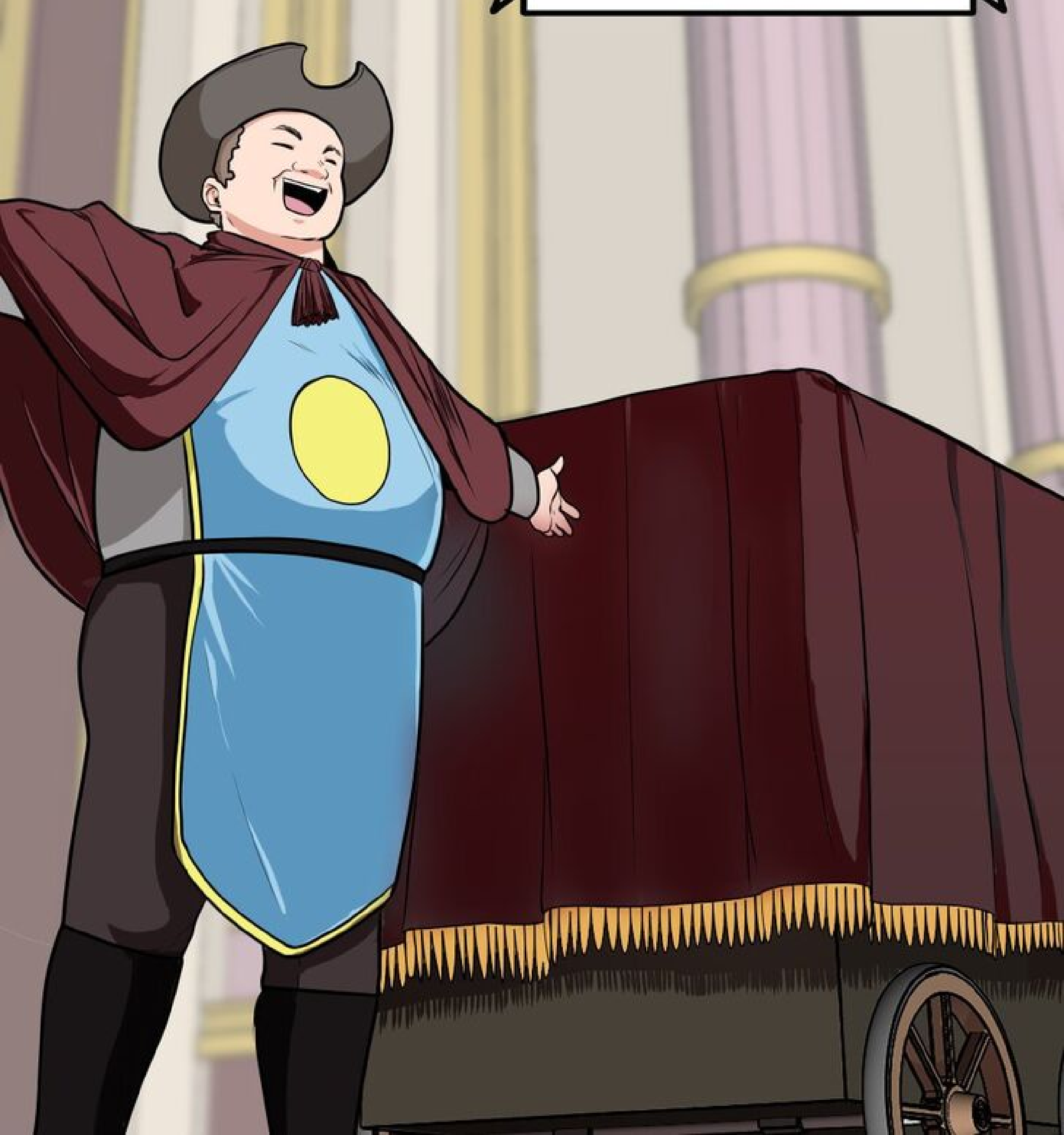
WE HAVE HERE,
THE FINAL ITEM FOR
TONIGHT'S EVENT!

TRADITION DICTATES
THAT THE BEST ITEM BE
SAVED FOR LAST, AND I AM
NOT ONE FOR BELITTLING
TRADITION.



WHO WILL BE THE LUCKY INDIVIDUAL FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO ACQUIRE THIS TREASURE?

BEHOLD!

AN INFANT WORLD LION!

GROOAA

FOR THOSE WHO ARE IGNORANT OF THIS MAGNIFICENT MANA BEAST, AN ADULT WORLD LION HAS THE CAPABILITY OF BECOMING A POWERFUL B-CLASS MANA BEAST.

I DARE SAY THAT, IF WELL TAKEN CARE OF, THIS INFANT WORLD LION COULD EVEN BECOME AN A-CLASS BEAST!

THIS BASTARD
ISN'T EVEN PAYING
ATTENTION TO THE OTHER
MANA BEAST.

AND YOU ALL KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS--TAKING CARE OF
AND TREASURING THIS FINE BEAST
WILL ALLOW ITS MASTER TO BECOME
A LEGENDARY BEAST TAMER!

THE BID
WILL START AT...
500 GOLD!

550!

550

600

600!

650

650!

750

750!

800

800!

1000

1000!

1000

1000 GOLD COINS!
FOR THE KING!

IT SEEMS NO ONE WANTS TO BID AGAINST THEIR OWN KING.

CONGRATULATIONS IN ADVANCE.

ONE WHITE-GOLD TABLET SEEMS MORE THAN FAIR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND GENEROSITY.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE NEW ROYAL PET? WILL YOU BE TAMING IT YOURSELF?

AS TEMPTING AS IT IS FOR ME TO HAVE A BOND, I'M THINKING OF GIVING IT TO--

CURTIS.

OF COURSE,
THAT ALL DEPENDS
ON HOW HE DOES.

I'LL DO
MY BEST,
FATHER!

DOES THAT MEAN I WON'T HAVE TO HEAR YOU AVOIDING LESSONS FROM TUTOR?

MOTHER! YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T TELL FATHER!

OH?

WATCHING THEM LIKE THIS, THEY ALMOST SEEM LIKE A NORMAL FAMILY.

THE AUCTION IS ABOUT TO END. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GATHER THE ITEMS AND SEND THEM OVER TO YOU?

NONSENSE! AS IF I HAVE THE PATIENCE TO WAIT FOR THE ITEMS.

WE'LL GO DOWN WITH YOU.

THEN
IF YOU'LL PLEASE
FOLLOW ME...

EXCUSE ME,
YOUR MAJESTY.

EUMM?

WHISPER
WHISPER
ENOUGH, SEBASTIAN.
I UNDERSTAND.

WHY DO I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS?

AN ATTENDANT SHOULD BE HERE SOON WITH YOUR ITEMS, YOUR MAJESTY.

ARTHUR, COME HERE...

HERE IS EVERYTHING THAT YOU ASKED FOR EXCEPT FOR A SWORD.

FOR THAT, I THINK IT

MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND HERE AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING YOU LIKE.

I'LL HOLD ONTO THIS WHILE YOU LOOK FOR A SWORD.

THANKS, MOM!

OH?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON TAKING SWORD LESSONS?

MY BOY HAS JUST STARTED LEARNING AS WELL. MAYBE WE CAN ARRANGE FOR A FRIENDLY SPAR BETWEEN YOU TWO ONE DAY.

YOUR MAJESTY,
PRINCE CURTIS WOULD ONLY
BECOME INFECTED WITH BAD HABITS
IF HE BEGAN SPARRING WITH MERE
COMMONERS.

I'M HONORED,
BUT SWORDS ARE
MERELY A HOBBY FOR ME,
YOUR MAJESTY.

I COULD NEVER
HOPE TO REACH
YOUR SON'S
LEVEL.

HALT

AH!
THERE YOU ARE,
VINCENT!

HURRY ON OVER!
THE KING WANTS TO
MEET YOU.

THE KI--
OH!

MY APOLOGIES
FOR THE INTRUSION,
YOUR MAJESTY.

AT EASE.
I HEARD YOU WERE
THE ONE WHO CAPTURED
THE INTRUDER EARLIER.

IT SEEMS THAT VINCENT
HAS GOTTEN HIMSELF QUITE
THE CAPABLE HAND!

I'M NOT WORTHY
OF SUCH PRAISE.
I WAS MERELY DOING
MY DUTY.

REYNOLDS LEYWIN, RIGHT?
AND THAT OVER THERE IS
YOUR SON?

YES,
YOUR MAJESTY.
IS ANYTHING THE
MATTER?

YOU SEE, SEBASTIAN HERE HAS BEEN
A ROYAL GUARD FOR MANY YEARS,
HELPING OUR FAMILY AN
UNCOUNTABLE NUMBER
OF TIMES.

FOR THE EXEMPLARY SERVICES HE HAS PROVIDED ME, AND THEREFORE MY COUNTRY, I DO FEEL THE NEED TO REWARD HIM AT TIMES.

AND IT SEEMS THAT HE HAS TAKEN QUITE A LIKING TO YOUR SON'S BOND.

GIVING A GUARD
OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
YOUR SON'S BOND WILL BE A
SERVICE TO YOUR
KINGDOM.

KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS

ON INSTAGRAM!

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